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SUMMARY: PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING IN HIS JUNE 8TH TV INTERVIEW WITH 25 FRENCH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS NAMED A MRS ANTI-DRUG MONIAUE PELLETIER. THE PRESIDENT SAID SHE WILL BE CHARGED WITH WRITING A REPORT ON THE DEVELOPING DRUG PROBLEM IN FRANCE AND ON WAYS TO COMBAT IT. HER REPORT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY DECEMBER. THE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR A SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR DRUGS HAD BEEN EXPECTED FOR TWO MONTHS. MRS. PELLETIER'S NOMINATION HAS BEEN WELL RECEIVED, BUT MOST PROFESSIONALS IN THE ANTI-DRUG ADMINISTRATION WILL WANT TO WAIT AND SEE RESULTS BEFORE COMING TO ANY DEFINITIVE JUDGMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. EVER SINCE THE SENATOR AND MAYOR OF CAEN JEAN-MARIE GIRAULT, MADE A PUBLICIZED CALL ON THE PRESIDENT TWO MONTHS AGO TOD DISCUSS THE DRUG PROBLEM IN FRANCE, THERE
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HAS BEEN SPECULATION THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD NAME A MR. ANTI-DRUG. GIRAULT'S CALL WAS MOTIVATED BY HIS SON'S INVOLVEMENT IN A DRUG PARTY WHICH RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF ONE YOUTH. HIS CALL ALSO FOCUSED ATTENTION IN THE MEDIA ON WHAT HAS BECOME A GROWING PROBLEM IN FRANCE, IN SMALL TOWNS AS WELL AS THE BIG CITIES.DRUG USE IN HIGH SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES (ESPECIALLY VINCENNES) IS ONLY

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THE LATEST MANIFESTATION OF THE PROBLEM. GIRAULT
CALLED FOR THE NAMING OF A TOP LEVEL OFFICIAL TO COORDINATE
THE ACTIVITIES OF THE VARIOUS GOF MINISTRIES.

2. MRS. PELLETIER DESDRIBES HERSELF AS A GENERALIST WHO
HAS LONG FOLLOWED THE DRUG PROBLEM IN A PRIVATE CAPACITY
A LAYYER BY TRAINING SHE HAS SINCE 1972 BEEN A DIRECTOR
OF A PROGRAM WHICH COUNSELS PARENTS AND TEACHERS WITH
PROBLEMS WITH YOUNG PEOPLE. SHE IS ALSO ACTIVE IN
POLITICS BEING A MUNICIPAL COUNSELOR OF NEUILLY SINCE
1971, ASSISTANT MAYOR SINCE MARCH OF THIS YEAR AND A
MEMBER OF THE POLITICAL BUREAU OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY,
THE SUCCESSOR OF THE GISCARDIAN INDEPENDENT REPUBLICANS
MRS. PELLETIER SSCRIBED HER NEW ROLE AS ONE OF EVALUATIONG
THE DRUG PHENOMENON, TAKING STOCK OF ALL THE EXISTING
ANTI-DRUG PROGRAMS AND DRAFTING AN ACTION PROGRAM.
HER REPORT IS EXPECTED TO BE FINISHED BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

3. MRS. PELLETIER IS EXPECTED TO APPROACH HER WORK WITH
INTELLIGENCE AND ENERGY, BUT TAILORING IT TO THE
SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES OF FRANCE (SEE PARIS A-194 OF
MAY25). IN HER OWN WORDS, SHE WILL WORK "DISCREETLY,
FAR FROM THE AGITATION OF THE MASS MEDIA". THE PRESIDENT
IN EFFECT GAVE THE CUE TO THE APPROACH HE WANTS FOLLOWED
IN HIS TV INTERVIEW BY POINTING OUT THE DANGER OF DRAMATIZING
THE PROBLEM IN FRANCE. "ONE MUST NOT SEIZE THIS
PROBLEM TO MAKE IT A SUBJECT OF GREAT PUBLIC DEBATE,
FOR ONE WOULD RUN THE RISK OF SURROUNDING IT WITH EXCESS
PUBLICITY AND COMPLICATE THE PSYCHOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF
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THE PROBLEM.ONE MUST LOOK FOR BASIC SOLUTIONS, BOTH
MATERIAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL".

4. "COMMENT: MRS. PELLETIER'S NOMINATION IS JUST THE
FIRST STEP IN COMING TO GRIP WITH FRANCE'S GROWING
DRUG PROBLEM. GOF PREOFESSIONALS ARE WATING TO LEARN
MORE ABOUT HER IDEAS AND WHAT FINANCIAL AND MORAL FOLLOW-UP
SUPPORT SHE WILL BE GIVEN BY THE GOF BEFORE
JUMPING TO ANY HOPEFUL CONCLUSIONS.
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